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REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

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Commissioner:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), Applicants petition for an extension of time of five months to and including August 24, 2002, in which to file a Request for Continued Examination in lieu of an Appeal Brief. Applicants filed a Notice of Appeal on December 13, 2001, which was date-stamped as received by the United States Patent and Trademark Office on January 24, 2002, making the final deadline for response August 24, 2002.

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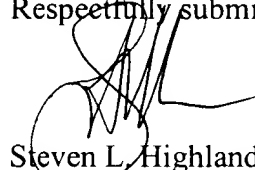
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